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FROM AMB ROUNTREE

1. HUFFMAN AND I CALLED ON AMB. NAJAR, ISRAELI
DELEGATE TO ICAO MEETINGS, ATE LAST NIGHT AT HIS
RESIDENCE TO INFORM HIM OF OUR POSITION ON LEBANESE
RESOLUTION. I TOLD HIM THAT AS HE HAD KNOWN FROM OUR
PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WE HAD MADE STRONG EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN SOME CHANGES IN WORDING OF RESOLUTION. WE HAD NOW
LEARNED THAT ARABS AND AFRICAN CO-SPONSORS HAD REJECTED
ANY MODIFICATIONS AND USG HAD THEREFORE CONSIDERED
WHETHER IT SHOULD SUPPORT RESOLUTION AS IT STANDS OR
RUN RISK, WHICH APPEARED FORMIDABLE, OF BEING CONFRONTED
BY CHANGES IN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD APPLY
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SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL SUCH AS WERE APPLIED AGAINST

SOUTH AFRICA. WE HAD RECEIVED CLEAR INDICATIONS OF STRONG MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION. IN CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAD DECIDED THAT IT WAS IN SHORT TERM AS WELL AS LONG TERM INTERESTS OF ISRAEL AND USA, FOR US TO INDICATE THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT RESOLUTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM PROVIDED LEBANESE WOULD UNDERTAKE FIRM COMMITMENT TO REJECT ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS. THE LEBANESE DELEGATE HAD GIVEN ME SUCH ASSURANCES.

2. AFTER SEEKING FURTHER DETAILS AND CLARIFICATIONS AMB NAJAR EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT SITUATION WHICH HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THREE CONDEMNATIONS OF ISRAEL WITHIN FEW SHORT WEEKS. HE WAS TROUBLED BY WORDING OF RESOLUTION AND HAD HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE EFFECT MODERATION. HE ENDED OUR DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER BY SAYING HE OF COURSE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO GIVE ME HIS BLESSINGS FOR COURSE WE HAD DECIDED UPON.

3. AT END OF DISCUSSION THIS MATTER, NAJAR AND I REMINISCED AT LENGTH OUR COMMON EXPERIENCE, HIS ATTITUDE BEING CORDIAL.

4. EARLY MORNING AUGUST 30, AMB. NAJAR PERSONALLY TELEPHONED ALLEN BERK, AMERICAN AIRLINE POLOTS REPRESENTATIVE ON USDEL AND URGED THAT HE EXERCISE HIS INFLUENCE TO HAVE US SEEK ALTERATION OF WORD QTE TAKE UNQTE IN OPERATIVE PARA 3. NAJAR ARGUED THIS COULD BE CONSTRUED AS DIRECTIVE FROM THIS ASSEMBLY TO NEXT ICAO ASSEMBLY AND SMACKED OF SANCTIONS. BERK REPLIED RESOLUTION WAS BEST ATTAINABLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE IT AVOIDED THE SANCTIONS WE HAD ALL FEARED. HE ALSO STATED US POSITION HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND MATTER WAS OUT OF HIS HANDS. VOLPE

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